# ElectroSpark Deposition studies for gas turbine engine component repair

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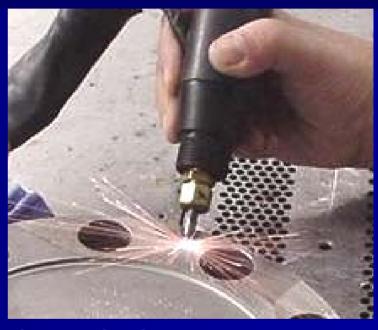
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## ElectroSpark Deposition (ESD)

The ESD process is comprised of producing an electric arc through a moving electrode energized by a series of capacitors as it is short circuited momentarily with the base material. During the generation of the arc, small particles of the electrode



material are melted, accelerated through the arc, impacted against the base metal substrate, solidified rapidly, and build-up occurs incrementally.

## ElectroSpark Deposition (ESD)

#### **Advantages**

- Metallurgical bond
- Low heat input
- Little or no pre-treatment required
- Little or no post-treatment required
- Environmentally benign
- Portable process and equipment
- Non-line-of-sight applications

#### Disadvantages

Low deposition rates







## **Project Objective**

The ESTCP is sponsoring this project to demonstrate and validate ElectroSpark Deposition (ESD) as technically feasible and commercially viable for a production-scale process, and to perform the tests necessary to transition ESD for use on gas turbine engine components.

## Stakeholders

- ESTCP HCAT
- PEWG ASC/ENV/LPN
- OMI ASAP
- ONR Carderock

## **Participants**

- Advanced Surfaces And Processes, Inc. (ASAP)
- Portland State University (PSU)
- Edison Welding Institute (EWI)
- General Electric Aircraft Engines (GEAE)
- Pratt and Whitney (P&W)
- Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center (OC-ALC)
- Rowan Technology Group
- Army Research Lab (ARL)
- Naval Research Laboratory (NRL)
- Metcut Research Inc.



## **Demonstration Plan**

Joint Test Protocol

## **Optimization Procedure**

A Demonstration Plan was prepared, which included a JTP. Prior to executing the JTP, the ESD process parameters and technique was optimized.



## **Project Timeline**

Optimization					
Optimization on coupons	Apr 1-Jun 30				
Validate results of DOE	Jul 1-Aug 15				
Optimize for mechanical properties	Jul 1-Sept 30				
JTP					
Fatigue testing	Sept 1-Oct 31				
Tensile testing	Sept 1-Oct 31				
Wear testing	Sept 1-Oct 31				
Corrosion testing	Sept 1-Oct 31				
Residual Stress testing	Sept 1-Oct 31				
Adhesion Bond testing	Sept 1-Oct 31				
JTR and Final Report	Nov 1-Dec 31				



## Optimization studies for ESD of IN718: Deposition and Characterization

## **Optimization**

The objective: Identify the optimum ESD parameters to be used on test coupons for the Joint Test Protocol.

An initial DOE will be run for microhardness, deposition rate and microstructure.

Subsequent mechanical tests will be run to optimize material properties such as fatigue and wear properties.

First: Inconel 718 on Inconel 718

Second: 410 stainless steel and Ti-6AI-4V

Finally: Inconel 625, Haynes 188, Hastelloy X, 17-4 PH and Rene 41 or Waspaloy. Also of interest are: Monel 400 and NiCrMo alloys (Alloys 59, 686 and C276), and AerMet 100.

Non-ESD coatings: Electrolytic Hard Chrome (EHC) and Tribaloy 400 or 800.



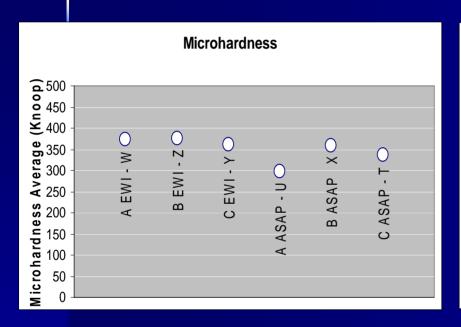
## **Optimization**

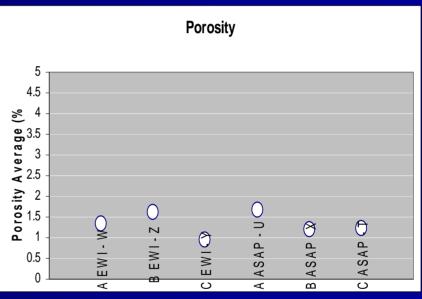
Flat coupons (1" x 1" x 0.125") were used with one "defect" in each specimen. The defect was filled with ESD material.

The DOE specimens were prepared at two locations; EWI in Columbus and ASAP in Portland. This allowed for comparison of specimens prepared by different facilities performing identical ESD processes.



## Comparison Coupons





## **DOE Inputs**

Multiple Levels			
Parameter	Range		
Pulse Rate	300 – 500 Hz, increments of 100		
Voltage	80 -130 V, increments of 25		
Capacitance	30 – 50 μF, increments of 10		
Electrode Revolution speed	800 – 1600 rpm, increments of 400		
Electrode Size	0.125 - 0.09375 inch (1/8, 1/16, 3/32)		
Fixed Levels			
Parameter	Fixed Value		
Shielding Gas	Argon		
Cleaning Frequency	As needed		
ESD Surface reshaping (i.e. filing)	As needed		
Operating Environment	Room temperature		



## **DOE Outputs**

DOE outputs to be recorded

**Deposition Rate** 

**Discontinuities** 

Hardness

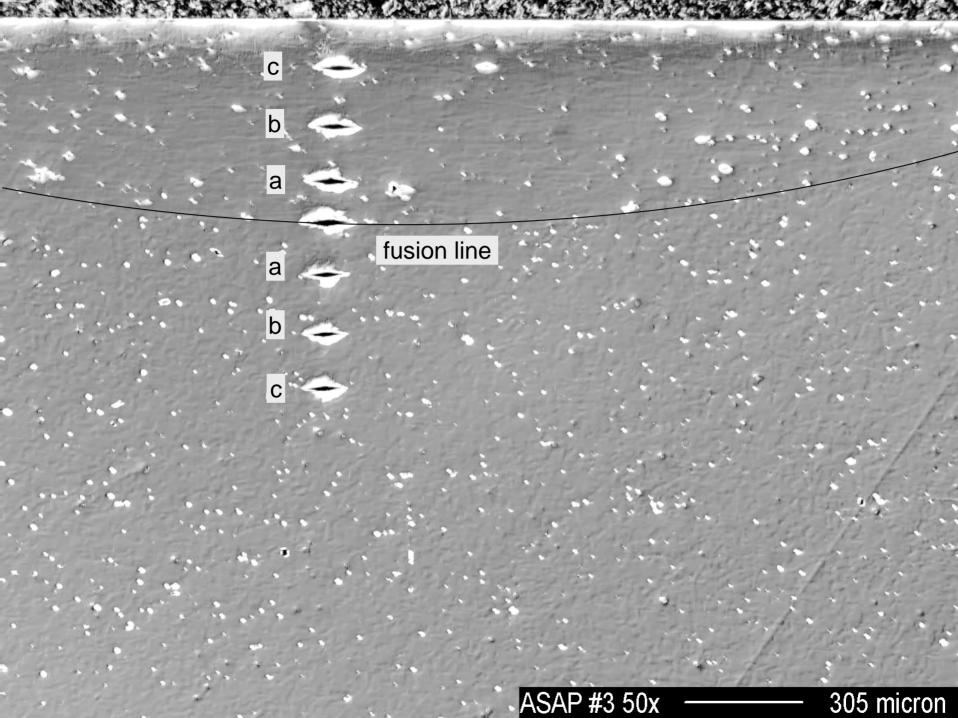
Other outputs to be noted

Current

Surface finish

Microstructure

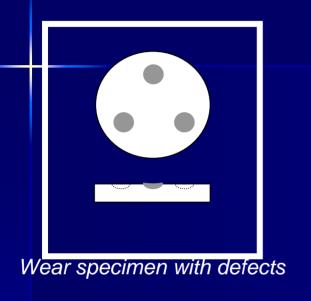
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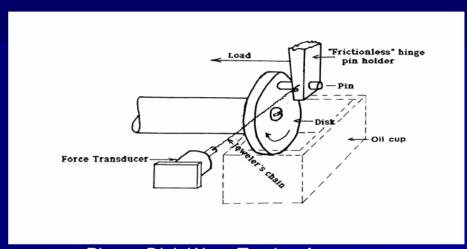


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- Validation Coupons
- Pin-on-Disk Wear Testing
- Low Cycle Fatigue Testing

## **Wear Test**

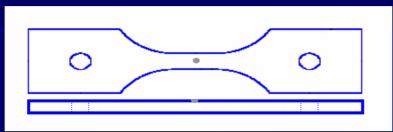




Pin-on-Disk Wear Testing Apparatus.
Source: <a href="http://www.luboron.com/pdf/PinDiskTestDescrip.pdf">http://www.luboron.com/pdf/PinDiskTestDescrip.pdf</a>

Substrate	Flaw type	ESD alloy	Qty	Comments
IN 718	none	none	1	No ESD - baseline
IN 718	Type 1	IN 718	2	Repaired defect, High Dep, 2 Operators
IN 718	Type 1	IN 718	2	Repaired defect, Low Dep, 2 Operators

## **LCF Test**



Fatigue Specimen with defects (defect not to scale)

Substrate	Flaw type	ESD alloy	Qty	Comments
IN 718	none	none	10	No ESD - baseline
IN 718	Type 1	none	6	No ESD – baseline with defect
IN 718	Type 1	IN 718	8	Repaired defect, High Dep, 2 Operators
IN 718	Type 1	IN 718	8	Repaired defect, Low Dep, 2 Operators
IN 718	Type 1	IN 718	8	No defect, High Dep, 2 Operators

# Overview of the Joint Test Protocol for gas turbine engine applications

## The JTP

#### Posted on HCAT Website @

http://207.152.96.131/w2g/cgi/kmcgi.exe?O=DIR0000000GPM&V=0

www.HCAT.org

- HCAT Member Workspace
  - >Here
    - > ESD
      - >Log on
        - >Test Plans

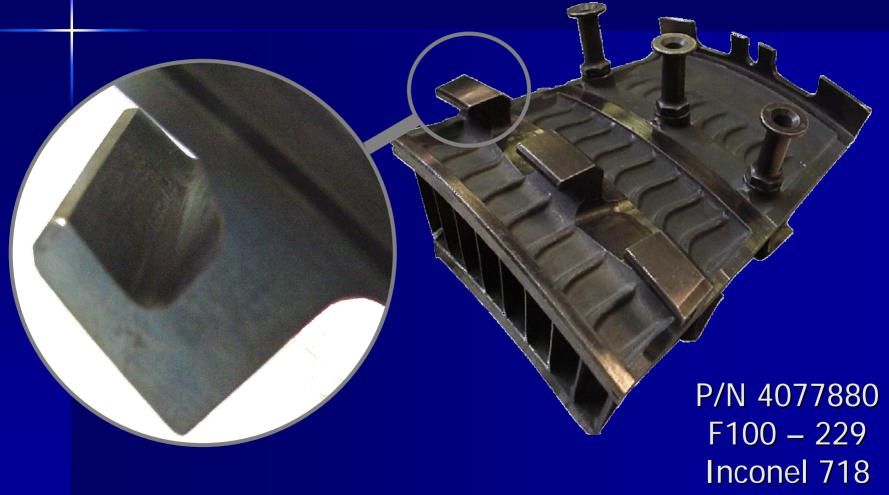
Joint Test Protocol and Optimization Procedure



## **Tests**

- Low Cycle Fatigue
- Tensile
- Hamilton Sundstrand Wear
- Salt Fog Corrosion
- Residual Stress
- Adhesion Bond

## Stator Segment 10-12 Stage





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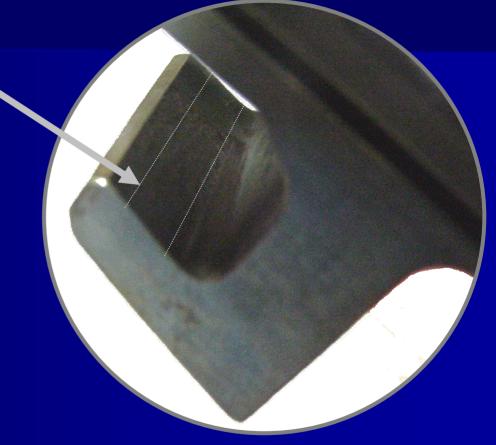
The defect

>0.005" deep wear in hook non-line-of-sight

Current repair: Cut off hook, weld on new, heat treat part

no repair if the part has met permissible heat treat cycles

Part value: ~ \$52,000





## **Project Objective**

The ESTCP/PEWG is sponsoring this project to identify, evaluate and qualify applications of the ElectroSpark Deposition (ESD) process for repair of gas turbine engine components.

## **Materials Selected**

IN 718

IN 625

410 SS

Hastelloy X

17-4 PH

Haynes 188



## **Tests Performed**

- Metallurgical Evaluation
- Microhardness
- Porosity/Density
- Low Cycle Fatigue on IN 718 & 17-4 PH
- Tensile on IN 718

Results available on the HCAT website

## **#5 Bearing Housing**



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The defect

0.020" to 0.030" wear scars on back face of lug

Current repair:

If < 0.005", blend away

If > 0.005", no repair available

#### Part value:

~ \$1,500 (no longer manufactured)

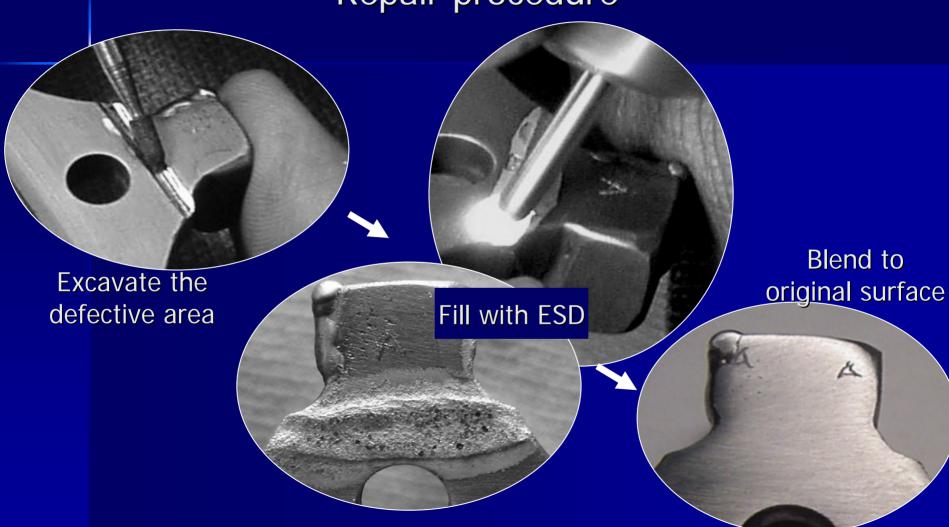


## #5 Bearing Housing Repair requirements

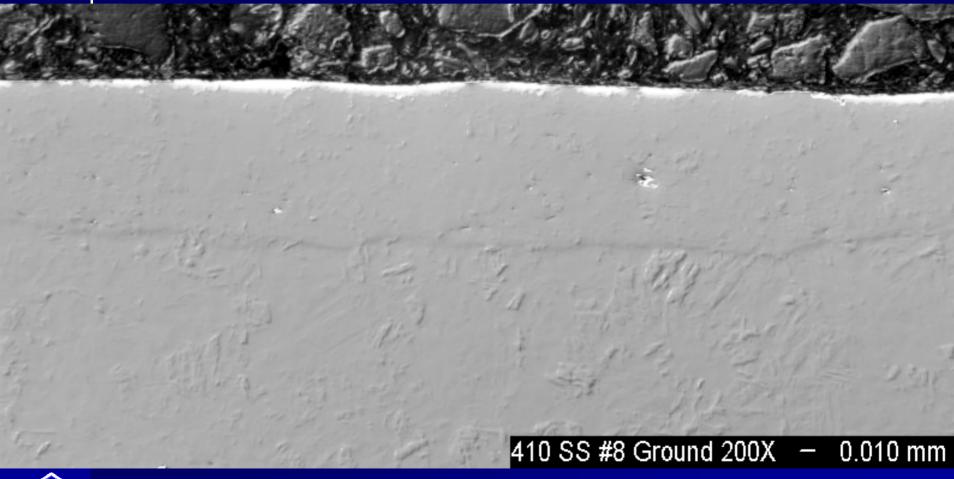
- Acceptable metallography
- Hardness same as parent material
- Good surface finish

## #5 Bearing Housing

Repair procedure



## #5 Bearing Housing Metallography



## #5 Bearing Housing Hardness

#### Hardness of ESD 410 SS 900 ■ Base 800 ■ As Deposited 700 ☐ As Deposited 600 ■ As Deposited Hk 25g 500 □ Heat Treated 400 ■ Heat Treated 300 □ Heat Treated 200 ■ HT & Shot Peened 100 ■ HT & Shot Peened 0

## #5 Bearing Housing

Repair Procedure

 Welding Procedure Specification and hands on demonstration delivered at PEWG, Las Vegas, April 2004.

## Compressor Rear Shaft

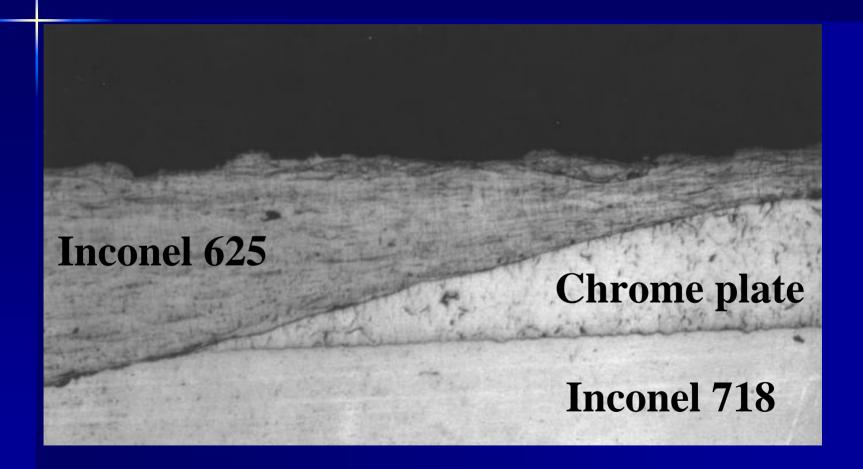


P/N 9103M58G12 TF 39 Inconel 718

The Problems:
Chrome plating on journal incomplete, surface damage

Current repair: Strip and re-plate Part value: ~ \$47,000

## Compressor Rear Shaft Metallography





## **Project Objective**

The ESTCP/PEWG is sponsoring this project to demonstrate improvement in ElectroSpark Deposition (ESD) quality and production rates of an ESD repair on alloy 718 through automation and ultrasonic impacting

## Obtain 5 axis robot system, ultrasonic impact treatment (UIT) system







## Develop robotic baseline operating parameters

Baseline for manual ESD of IN718 was obtained from previous work performed by ASAP, for PEWG and ESTCP projects.
Specimens were prepared manually by ASAP to be compared with those prepared by the robot.



## Robot ESD Sequence

- 3 conditions: 12 passes, 24 passes, 36 passes
- Argon gas shielding
- Each successive layer will be 90° to the previous
- Each deposit area will be 1" x 1" (3/4" x3/4" deposit)
- Deposition rate for each set will be recorded
- The surface will be manually ground at 12 layer intervals
- Grinding will be substitute by UIT in second sequence
- Each sample will get 2 UIT treatments each after welding.

## Remaining Tasks

- Develop baseline UIT parameters
- Combine robotic and UIT technologies
- Conduct productivity test comparisons
- Conduct quality comparisons: automated vs. manual

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